Data Loading, Storage, and File Formats

CS3753 Data Science

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Topics

The Pandas package provides functions to load DataFrame from and to save DataFrame to various type of files including

- Text files
- JSON document
- XML and HTML web pages
- Binary files
- SQL databases

```
In []: from __future__ import division
    from numpy.random import randn
    import numpy as np
    import sys
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    np.random.seed(12345)
    plt.rc('figure', figsize=(10, 6))
    from pandas import Series, DataFrame
    import pandas as pd
    np.set_printoptions(precision=4)
```

Reading and Writing Data in Text Format

```
pd.read_csv(file, sep=',', <parameters>)
pd.read_table(file, <parameters>)
pd.to_csv(file, <parameters>)
```

Behavior is controlled by many parameters

```
In [ ]: !cat ch06/ex1.csv

In [ ]: df = pd.read_csv('ch06/ex1.csv')
    df

In [ ]: pd.read_table('ch06/ex1.csv', sep=',')
```

Add or Change Column Names

```
pd.read csv(file, header=None, names=listOfNames,...)
```

- Header specifies how to identify or infer header
- Names assignes column names

```
In [ ]: !cat ch06/ex2.csv
In [ ]: pd.read_csv('ch06/ex2.csv', header=None)
    pd.read_csv('ch06/ex2.csv', names=['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'message'])
In [ ]: df1.iloc[1]
```

Designate Index Columns

```
pd.read_csv(file, index_col=listOfColumns, ...)
```

Index_col identifies columns used to label rows

Specify Alternative Separator

• Use parameter sep or delimiter

```
In [ ]: list(open('ch06/ex3.txt'))
In [ ]: result = pd.read_table('ch06/ex3.txt', sep='\s+')
    result
In [ ]: !cat ch06/ex4.csv
    pd.read_csv('ch06/ex4.csv', skiprows=[0, 2, 3])
```

Filling or Replacing Null Values

```
pd.read_csv(file, na_values=...)
```

- Additional strings to recognize as NA/NaN.
- If dict passed, specific per-column NA values.

```
In [ ]: !cat ch06/ex5.csv
    result = pd.read_csv('ch06/ex5.csv')
    result

In [ ]: pd.isnull(result)
```

```
In [ ]: result = pd.read_csv('ch06/ex5.csv', na_values='Unknown')
    result

In [ ]: sentinels = {'message': ['foo', 'NA'], 'something': ['two']}
    pd.read_csv('ch06/ex5.csv', na_values=sentinels)
```

Read Text Files in Pieces

```
nrows=
chunksize=
```

```
In [ ]:
        result = pd.read csv('ch06/ex6.csv')
        result[:10]
In [ ]:
        pd.read csv('ch06/ex6.csv', nrows=5)
In [ ]:
        chunker = pd.read_csv('ch06/ex6.csv', chunksize=1000)
        chunker
In [ ]:
        chunker = pd.read csv('ch06/ex6.csv', chunksize=1000)
        tot = Series([])
        for piece in chunker:
             print(piece)
             tot = tot.add(piece['key'].value_counts(), fill_value=0)
        tot = tot.sort_values(ascending=False)
In [ ]:
        tot[:10]
```

Write Data Out to Text Format

```
In [ ]:
        data.to_csv(sys.stdout, sep='|')
In [ ]:
        data.to_csv(sys.stdout, na_rep='NULL')
In [ ]:
        data.to_csv(sys.stdout, index=False, header=False)
In [ ]:
        data.to csv(sys.stdout, index=False, columns=['a', 'b', 'c'])
In [ ]:
        dates = pd.date_range('1/1/2000', periods=7)
        print(dates)
        ts = Series(np.arange(7), index=dates)
        ts.to csv('ch06/tseries.csv')
         !cat ch06/tseries.csv
In [ ]:
        Series.from_csv('ch06/tseries.csv', parse_dates=True)
```

Manually Working with Delimited Formats

The following example use csv package to read a csv file into list of lines, stripping "" of values. It then rebuild the table with a customerized set of dialect

```
In []: !cat ch06/ex7.csv

In []: import csv
    f = open('ch06/ex7.csv')
        reader = csv.reader(f)

In []: for line in reader:
        print(line)

In []: lines = list(csv.reader(open('ch06/ex7.csv')))
        print(lines)
        header, values = lines[0], lines[1:]
        data_dict = {h: v for h, v in zip(header, zip(*values))}
        data_dict
```

```
In [ ]: class my_dialect(csv.Dialect):
    lineterminator = '\n'
    delimiter = ';'
    quotechar = '"'
    quoting = csv.QUOTE_MINIMAL

In [ ]: with open('mydata.csv', 'w') as f:
    writer = csv.writer(f, dialect=my_dialect)
    writer.writerow(('one', 'two', 'three'))
    writer.writerow(('1', '2', '3'))
    writer.writerow(('4', '5', '6'))
    writer.writerow(('7', '8', '9'))
In [ ]: %cat mydata.csv
```

JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) Data

- Data is formatted as a JSON string, can be transmitted over HTTP protocol
- Use json package

```
json.loads: convert a JSON string to a Python object json.dumps: convert a Python object to a JSON string
```

• Use pandas functions

```
pd.read_json: load JSON data into DataFrame
pd.to_json: write DataFrame into JSON file
```

```
In [ ]:
         import json
         result = json.loads(obj)
In [ ]:
         asjson = json.dumps(result)
         asjson
In [ ]:
         siblings = DataFrame(result['siblings'], columns=['name', 'age', 'pe
         t'])
         siblings
In [ ]:
        with open('ch06/product.json') as f:
            data = json.load(f)
         print(data)
In [ ]:
         %cat ch06/product.json
In [ ]:
        data = pd.read json('ch06/product.json')
         data
```

Read Data from HTML, XML, and Web Sources

Experiment with Beautiful Soup 4

- Open the URL of an HTML document (a web page)
- Parse it into an object representing the structure of HTML doc
- Access elements and attributes by their paths

```
In [ ]: from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
   import urllib.request
```

Access Elements and Attributes

```
doc.<element>...<element>.<attribute>
doc.find_all(<element>|<attribute>)
```

- Based on the concept of XPath patterns
- Can also find title, parent, etc.

Example: Extract a Data Table from Yahoo Finance

- Get the calls from the Apple (AAPL) realtime price quote
- The web page contains two tables: Calls and Puts
- Many rows, each contains 11 fields

```
In [ ]:
         with urllib.request.urlopen('http://finance.yahoo.com/q/op?s=AAPL+Op
         tions') as response:
            html = response.read()
         soup = BeautifulSoup(html)
         print(soup.prettify())
In [ ]:
         soup.title
In [ ]:
         soup.title.name
In [ ]:
         soup.title.string
In [ ]:
         soup.title.parent.name
In [ ]:
         soup.find_all('p')
In [ ]:
         soup.a
In [ ]:
         soup.find all('a')
```

```
In [ ]:
         links = soup.find_all('a')
In [ ]:
         links[15:20]
In [ ]:
         lnk = links[28]
In [ ]:
         lnk
In [ ]:
         type(lnk)
In [ ]:
         lnk.name
In [ ]:
         lnk['href']
In [ ]:
         lnk.contents
In [ ]:
         urls = [lnk['href'] for lnk in links]
         urls[-10:]
```

Steps

- Get a list of tables
- Find the Calls table
- Get the header labels of the Calls table
- Create a calldf DataFrame with appropriate column names and enough rows
- Get a list of rows in Calls table
- Extract data fields of a row, add a new row to calldf

```
In [ ]: tables = soup.find_all('table')
    tables # two tables: calls and puts
In [ ]: len(tables)
```

```
In [ ]: calls = tables[0]
    ths = calls.find_all('th')
    ths

In [ ]: header = []
    for h in ths:
        header.extend(h.span.contents)
    header

In [ ]: trs = calls.find_all('tr')
    calldf = pd.DataFrame(index=range(len(trs)-1), columns=header)
    print(calldf)
```

Extract Rows and Add to DataFrame

```
In [ ]: | # Extract rows and insert into calldf DataFrame
         i = 0
         for t in trs[1:] :
             1 = []
             ds = t.find all('td')
             # print('ds=', ds)
             1.extend(ds[0].a.contents)
             l.extend(ds[1].contents)
             1.extend(ds[2].a.contents)
             1.extend(ds[3].contents)
             1.extend(ds[4].contents)
             1.extend(ds[5].contents)
             1.extend(ds[6].span.contents)
             1.extend(ds[7].span.contents)
             1.extend(ds[8].contents)
             1.extend(ds[9].contents)
             1.extend(ds[10].contents)
             #print(1)
             calldf.iloc[i] = pd.Series(1, index=header)
             i = i+1
         calldf
```

Parsing XML with lxml.objectify

import lxml.objectify

```
In [ ]:
         %cd ch06
In [ ]:
         !head -21 Performance_MNR.xml
In [ ]:
         from lxml import objectify
         path = 'Performance_MNR.xml'
         parsed = objectify.parse(open(path))
         root = parsed.getroot()
         root
In [ ]:
         data = []
         skip_fields = ['PARENT_SEQ', 'INDICATOR_SEQ',
                         'DESIRED_CHANGE', 'DECIMAL_PLACES']
         for elt in root.INDICATOR:
             el data = {}
             for child in elt.getchildren():
                 if child.tag in skip_fields:
                     continue
                 el_data[child.tag] = child.pyval
             data.append(el_data)
         data
In [ ]:
         perf = DataFrame(data)
         perf
In [ ]:
         root
In [ ]:
         root.get('href')
In [ ]:
         root.text
```

Binary Data Formats

 A Python object, such as DataFrame, can be serialized and stored in a binary file

```
pd.to_pickle(file), pd.from_pickle(file)
```

- compression, such as gzip and zip, can be specified
- Another binary format is HDF5, designed to store large numerical arrays of homogenous type.
 - Use pandas HDFStore object to create binary file, store and retreive data

Using Pickle (Serialization)

```
In [ ]: #%cd /Users/wzhang/teaching/cs3753/dataSciCourse/lecture-code/week05
In [ ]: frame = pd.read_csv('ch06/ex1.csv')
    frame
In [ ]: frame.to_pickle('ch06/frame_pickle')
    !cat 'ch06/frame_pickle'
In [ ]: pd.read_pickle('ch06/frame_pickle')
```

Using HDFStore

• An HDFStore object stores data as dictionary

```
hfd = pd.HDFStore('file.h5')
hfd.put(...)
hfd.append(...)
hfd[newKey] = dataTable
hfd.close(...)
```

```
In [ ]: store = pd.HDFStore('mydata.h5')
    store['data1'] = frame
    store.keys()

In [ ]: store['data1']

In [ ]: store['data2']

In [ ]: store.close()
    !cat mydata.h5

In [ ]: os.remove('mydata.h5')
```

Interacting with HTML and Web APIs

```
In [ ]: import requests
    url = 'https://api.github.com/repos/pydata/pandas/milestones/28/labe
    ls'
    resp = requests.get(url)
    resp

In [ ]: data = resp.json()

In [ ]: data[:5]

In [ ]: issue_labels = DataFrame(data)
    issue_labels
```

Interacting with SQL Databases

- Import package that is required for specific DBMS
- Connect to DBMS
- Ask DBMS to execute a query
- Get result from DBMS server and store in DataFrame
- Further processing data in Python

Example

- Connect to an in-mamery SQLite database
- Create a data table
- Insert some tuples into the table
- Run a database SQL query to retreive data